

Strategic Partnerships, Infrastructure, Technology and Education: Highlights of Day 2 at Ukraine House Davos

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Caption: Panelists discuss investment opportunities in Ukraine’s infrastructure sector at Ukraine House Davos

On the second day of Ukraine House Davos, panels addressed global trends such as strategic economic partnerships, infrastructure, technology and innovation, and the role of education in transforming society. The day’s eventful program concluded with an engaging conversation with Tristan Harris, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Center for Humane Technology.

During the day’s first panel, titled *“Ukraine and the EU: Strength through Economic Partnership”*, sponsored by CEO Club Ukraine, speakers discussed the strategic Ukraine-EU economic partnership and opportunities for further cooperation.

Mr Jean-Christophe Laloux, Director General, Head of Operations, EIB, said: “Ukraine is an important partner for us. Between 2014 and 2017, we have doubled our investments in Ukraine. Currently, 50 percent of committed funds for the Eastern European region go to Ukraine, amounting to a €6 billion portfolio.”

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The second panel, “*Is Ukraine Europe’s Last Great Infrastructure Play? Turning Potential into Investable Projects*”, sponsored by TIU Canada, focused on Ukraine’s infrastructure investment opportunities, which are some of the most attractive in Europe.

Alain Pilloux, Vice President, Banking at EBRD said that Ukraine is a priority for EBRD: “Last year, 51 projects were implemented in Ukraine by EBRD with over €1 billion of disbursement”. As a leading Canadian investor in Ukraine, Michael Yurkovich, CEO of TIU Canada said that Ukraine is “at the top of its game”, becoming a market hub for agriculture, infrastructure, and IT.

In the afternoon, Noa Gafni Slaney, Executive Director of Rutgers Institute for Corporate Social Innovation led a thought-provoking discussion that asked the question “*Will Technology Save the World?*”. The speakers agreed that technology is creating new synergies with other industries and focusing attention on sustainability. The panel was sponsored by IT Ukraine Association.

The final panel of the day was hosted by WNISEF and Victor Pinchuk Foundation, titled “*Transforming Education – Transforming Society*”, where panelists discussed the far-reaching impact of investment in education and the positive role it plays in transforming society.

Wrapping-up the day was a vibrant conversation with Tristan Harris, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Center for Humane Technology.

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